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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT CASTEL HAITI HOTEL

REF: STATE 196144, PORT-AU-PRINCE 1752 AND PREVIOUS

1. FBI HAS CONDUCTED AND IS CONDUCTING INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF HARRINGTON, ABRAMS AND OTHER PERSONS POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH EXPLOSION. AS INDICATED STATE REFTTEL, HARRINGTON WAS KNOWN TO FBI AND DEA. HE HAD IN PAST FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING DRUG TRAFFIC, TO USG AGENCIES. HE HAS NOT RPT NOT EVER BEEN FORMALLY EMPLOYED BY EITHER FBI OR DEA. NEITHER FBI NOR DEA HAD ANY PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF RECORD OF CINDY ABRAMS. (COMMENT: AVAILABLE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT CINDY ABRAMS WAS A DUPE IN WHATEVER ACTIVITY HARRINGTON WAS ENGAGED IN HAITI: END COMMENT).

2. FBI INVESTIGATION OF FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES PRODUCED  
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UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT HARRINGTON HAD PRIOR EXPERIENCE

WITH EXPLOSIVES IN US ARMED FORCES AND MORE RECENTLY HAD BEEN EMPLOYED AS EXPLOSIVES EXPERT IN CONSTRUCTION AND OIL EXPLORATION BUSINESS.

3. NO INFORMATION HAS YET BEEN DEVELOPED INDICATING THAT HARRINGTON OR ABRAMS WERE KNOWN TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY ANTI-HAITIAN GROUPS.

4. FOR CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY, HARRINGTON DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, 200 POUNDS, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, HAZEL EYES, BROWN HAIR, SECOND AND THIRD TOES EACH FOOT ARE WEBBED, JAW HAS BEEN BROKEN, HAS TATTOO "SYL" ON BICEPS, FULL UPPER DENTURE, THREE TEETH MISSING LOWER FRONT.

5. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED DRAW ON FOREGOING AND TAKE FOLLOWING LINE WITH INTERIOR SECRETARY BLANCHET. USG WANTS COOPERATE FULLY WITH GOH IN INVESTIGATION OF THIS ALARMING INCIDENT. GOH CAN BE ASSURED CATEGORICALLY THAT NEITHER HARRINGTON NOR ABRAMS HAD ANY CONNECTION, OFFICIAL OR OTHERWISE, WITH USG WITH RESPECT TO THEIR PRESENCE IN HAITI. YOU HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED, HOWEVER, TO INFORM BLANCHET THAT HARRINGTON HAS IN PAST BEEN KNOWN TO FBI AND DEA AND HAS PROVIDED ON AN INTERMITTENT AND VOLUNTARY BASIS INFORMATION REGARDING CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING DRUG TRAFFIC, IN THE MIAMI AREA BUT HAS NEVER BEEN AN EMPLOYEE OF EITHER ORGANIZATION. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT FBI AND DEA ARE DEPARTING FROM CUSTOMARY PRACTICE IN REVEALING SOURCES OF INFORMATION, BUT THAT USG WANTS NO MISUNDERSTANDING TO ARISE ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE USG INVOLVEMENT. WE WOULD EXPECT GOH NOT TO REVEAL THIS INFORMATION TO PRESS, TO HOLD IT AT A HIGH LEVEL AND TO USE IT ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF HARRINGTON. BLANCHET SHOULD BE ASSURED CINDY ABRAMS HAS NEVER HAD ANY CONNECTION, OFFICIAL OR OTHERWISE, WITH USG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM BLANCHET THAT FBI PREPARED FOLLOW ANY LEADS TURNED UP IN GOH INVESTIGATION AND, IN FACT, HAS ALREADY COMMENCED ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION OF HEDERMAN AND "BERNARD" ON BASIS INFORMATION PROVIDED PORT-AU-PRINCE 1752.

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6. YOU MAY ALSO POINT OUT, IF YOU THINK APPROACH FEASIBLE, THAT IT APPEARS CINDY ABRAMS' ROLE IN MATTER OBVIOUSLY ONE OF INNOCENT DUPE. CONSEQUENTLY USG WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF GOH WOULD ALLOW HER RETURN TO US WITH PARENTS AFTER GOH HAS CONCLUDED ITS INTERROGATION OF HER.

7. AMBASSADOR ISHAM CONCURS WITH CONTENT OF THIS MESSAGE.  
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